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Date: June 2, 2003

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This document is responsive to the Restriction Requirement of March 7, 2003.

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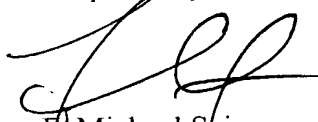
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REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement of March 7, 2003, and the subsequent Notice of Incomplete Reply dated May 1, 2003, Applicants hereby elect the single species of Example 8, on page 28 namely sulfoindodicarbo-(bromo) cyanine iodide. Applicants believe that such species election will not cause an undue searching burden for the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,



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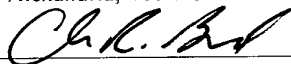
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